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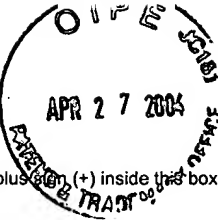
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	Group Art Unit	1753
	Examiner Name	NOGUEROLA, ALEXANDER STEPHEN
	Title:	"DETERMINATION OF SAMPLE VOLUME ADEQUACY IN BIOSENSOR DEVICES"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before April 29, 2004. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.



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